किसी अन्य तरीके से उनके सांठ-गांठ का दोषी पाया जाता है, ऐसे उपचारी (भ्रष्ट) कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध समुचित कारवाई की जाती है ।

विवरण

क्षेत्र	31-3-96 की स्थिति के अनुसार चूककर्ताओं की संख्या	क०भ० निधि की बकाया राशि (रु० लाखों में)
आन्ध्र प्रदेश	743	1374.01
बिहार	1349	940.57
दिल्ली	500	2266.09
गुजरात	209	943.06
हरियाणा	525	2173.24
कर्नाटक	424	739.26
केरल	464	530.15
मध्य प्रदेश	505	2007.04
महाराष्ट्र	893	2902.70
उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र	124	270.00
उड़ीसा	275	400.47
पंजाब	1139	1187.09
राजस्थान	577	625.72
तमिलनाडु	1281	1466.13
उत्तर प्रदेश	1458	4526.07
प0 बंगाल	1216	13974.12

Reply to Letters from M.Ps.

2679. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are guidelines for replying to letters from Members of Parliament regarding various development schemes and MPLADS by Officers of Central/State Governments; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cases where reply in to the letters of M.Ps. have not been given by these Officers;

(c) whether the Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi does not send replies to the letters of M.Ps/M.L.As; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against Officers who have flouted guidelines; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Guidelines exist in the Central

Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure for sending acknowledgement as well as final replies to letters received from the Members of Parliament and MLAs by the officers of the Central Government which may inter-alia relate to various development schemes. As per these guidelines, communications received from Members of Parliament should be attended to promptly. Each communication is to be replied to within 15 days. Where a delay is anticipated in sending a final reply or information has to be collected from officers other than the office to which the letter pertains, an interim reply should be sent within a fortnight indicating the possible date by which a final reply can be given.

(b) There exists no system for centralised tabulation of replies sent or still pending for reply with officers in various government offices. Hence it is not possible to state in how many cases reply to MP letters has not been given by the officers.

(c) No information is available on this point. The guidelines stated above are not applicable to the officers of State Governments as the State governments generally prescribe their own guidelines in this regard.

(d) All officers in the ministries/ departments of Government of India are expected to observe the guidelines laid down in paras 57 & 60 of the Manual of Office Procedure Any violation of the procedure is dealt with as per existing disciplinary procedures.

Pay Commission's Recommendation for pensioners

2380 DR MOHAN BABU
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended payment of at least half of the minimum of the revised scale to pensioners;

(b) if so, the reasons for not agreeing to the recommendation; and

(c) whether, as a welfare measure, Government would consider implementation of the above recommendation, to give relief to pensioners who are hard-hit due to price rise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The recommendation of Pay Commission for the consolidation of pension in respect of all pre-1.1.1996 retirees, in accordance with the formulation given by it, has been accepted. In the case of pre-1986 retirees, The Government has also accepted the recommendation that before such consolidation, their pension may be updated by notional fixation of their pay as on 1.1.1986 by adopting the same formula as for the serving employees. The Government considers that the above measures will provide adequate relief to the pensioners.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b) above.

Withdrawal of Circular on Seniority of SC/ST Officers

2381. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of Supreme Court's Judgements in the cases of Shri Jagdish Lal and others V/s State of Haryana and Ashok Kumar Gupta V/s State of U.P. dated the 7th May and 21st March, 1997, respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;